GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Pilgrim Trains
Khadse Smt. Raksha Nikhil

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch a pilgrim train through IRCTC with a package of seven and ten days;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the locations identified for running the said train across the country; and
(d) the details regarding operation schedule for booking by the pilgrims/passengers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Aastha Circuit trains covering various religious places have commenced operation on 17.02.2017. It offers all inclusive tour packages on different itineraries of varying duration, decided by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC) from time to time, and announced/booked through IRCTC tourism portal www.irctctourism.com. The first 6 nights/7 days itinerary started from Guwahati on 17.02.2017 has covered Kolkata, Puri and Bhubaneswar and the second 10 nights/11 days itinerary started from Darbhanga on 20.03.2017 is planned to cover Bhubaneswar, Tirupati, Kanyakumari, Trivandrum, Rameshwaram and Madurai, with several boarding/de-boarding points enroute.
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